

## SHELTERS AT ALL TRANSFER POINTS

Administrative Board Takes Matter Up With Street Car Companies.

## ERECT COMFORT STATIONS

Board Urges Haste in Completion of Broad Street Track Renewals.

Passenger stations at street car transfer points, public comfort stations and other projected improvements were discussed by the Administrative Board yesterday morning. The board adopted a resolution offered by Captain McCarthy instructing the City Engineer to secure plans, specifications and bids for construction of ample and modern underground public comfort stations at Seventh and Broad Streets, Ninth and Main Streets, Main and Laurel Streets, and to suggest other or better points for the location of similar conveniences.

**Street Car Shelters.** Another resolution offered by Captain McCarthy and adopted is in the form of a request to the Virginia Railway and Power Company and the Richmond and Henric Railway Company, the car companies being asked whether they would be willing to erect suitable, convenient and durable shelters at transfer points, such for instance as First and Broad Streets, Seventh and Broad Streets, Laurel and Main Streets, and Main and Main Streets, and other points, provided the City Council will grant the rights for the necessary obstruction of the thoroughfare, and the abutting property owners and their consent. The resolution requests the two companies to suggest other suitable locations for such shelters, and provides that, if erected, the structures are to be light, durable and ornamental, subject to approval of the Administrative Board and the city engineer.

It was suggested that when present plans for looping suburban cars are consummated, some of the transfer points alluded to will be eliminated by bringing suburban cars further down town, and that the shelters should be of a type which could be readily removed in case they became objectionable or unnecessary.

**Must Hurry Track Work.** On motion of Mr. Hirschberg the board adopted a resolution requesting the Virginia Railway and Power Company to employ a sufficient force to prosecute more rapidly its track work on Broad Street to a rapid completion, the resolution stating that the "said company is now and has been the cause of retardation in the work, to the detriment of citizens and a loss to the contractors."

It is understood that the company claims that much of the work in question has to be done at night, when there is no running, and that during those hours it is employing as large a force as can be worked to advantage. With the continuation of open weather it is the desire of the Administrative Board to press forward as rapidly as possible the paving of the northern half of Broad Street, west of Seventh before February 1, when any balance of the current appropriation will be made in the new budget for carrying the new paving westward from Third Street.

**Bills and Pay Rolls.** Pay rolls were approved for the first half of January yesterday as follows: City Engineer's Department, \$5,942.19; street cleaning, \$4,231.65; dog pound, \$97.50; Oakwood Cemetery, \$300; Maury Cemetery, \$140.

Bills of the Engineer's Department for street and sewer work under contract, amounting to \$37,105.29, were ordered paid, and \$3,734.04 paid Carnell & Johnston, architects, for services in preparing plans for the First Regimental Armory.

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matter as directed by the Engineer's Department, and the damage was reported yesterday as having been entirely repaired without any cost whatever, save for the necessary tarring, which will be done in the spring.

The City Engineer reported a number of small street repairs made on complaint of citizens as having been completed, and a number of nuisances abated.

## NO ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK TRAINS

Southern Railway Detective Denies Story Told by Telegraph Operator.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Lynchburg, Va., January 16.—When Southern Railway Detective Eagle made his report to-day to the detective department of his company at Washington, he stated in plain language that there was nothing to the story told by Telegraph Operator Thomas O. Acree, regarding an attempt to wreck trains No. 41 and No. 37 by placing a green oak crossie on the track Tuesday morning between Dumfries and Mount view, and which he found just in time to remove before No. 41 came hammering the rails around the curve.

The investigations of Detective Eagle and others have been pretty thorough, and the detective stated this morning that there was but little doubt in his mind that the newspapers had been "strung."

Several years ago Acree did find a tremendous boulder upon the tracks of the C. & O., and was rewarded by being promised a pass over that line whenever he wanted it. It is the opinion of the detective that he desired similar treatment again.

The Craddock-Terry Company to-day received from the State Corporation Commission an amendment to its charter, which was granted yesterday, by which the company is given the authority to increase its capitalization from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000.

E. H. Mayfield, business secretary of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce since its organization four years ago, has resigned in order to enter real estate business in Pittsburgh. He was formerly engaged in business in Richmond.

The special report made to-day by Postmaster J. M. McLaughlin to the Post-Office Department at Washington, relative to the parcel post business passing through the office, shows that during the first fifteen days of the service, which included Sundays and legal holidays, an average of 338 packages were handled daily. The total number of packages handled in the office during the period was 7,500, on which the postage was \$708.44.

Mr. McLaughlin's report shows that nearly a thousand more packages were dispatched by the Lynchburg office than were received for delivery in the city and on the four R. F. D. routes leading out from this post-office. The number of packages dispatched was 4,235, the average weight of which was twenty ounces and on which the postage was \$401.43. The number received was 3,296, average weight nineteen ounces and postage, \$304.23.

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## REAL ESTATE MEN SELECT FUNSTEN

Exchange, at Annual Meeting, Names First President for Another Term.

## PLAN TO EXTEND INFLUENCE

Recommend Admission of Property Owners on Associate Membership Plan.

The Richmond Real Estate Exchange recommended last night by a unanimous vote to its newly-elected board of directors that it adopt a constitutional amendment which will permit property owners and other interested persons to ally themselves with the exchange on an associate membership basis.

The resolution, which was introduced by Hugh A. McCurdy and seconded by H. S. Hutzler, provides that such associate members shall have the right to attend meetings of the exchange and enjoy other limited rights to be decided by the directors. They are not, however, to enjoy the special privileges of membership which are secured only to full members of the exchange. The associate membership fee, the resolution provides, shall not exceed \$10 a year.

President Funsten, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Hutzler and a number of others expressed the opinion that the associate membership plan will aid the Real Estate Exchange in its work, and will bring about a better understanding and more cordial relationship between property owners and the men who act as their buying and selling agents. The resolution was referred to the board of directors, who will report on it at the next meeting.

**Funsten Re-Elected.** The meeting last night reviewed the work of the exchange for the first six months of its life and elected officers for the ensuing year. O. H. Funsten, the first president, was re-elected without opposition. The other officers elected were John C. Easley, first vice-president; H. R. Poirard, Jr., second vice-president; and B. M. Jacobs, treasurer.

The following were elected members of the board of managers: O. H. Funsten (chairman), Leroy E. Brown, C. C. Chapin, John C. Easley, W. P. Glinn, A. M. Gover, T. F. Green, R. H. Harrison, H. S. Hutzler, J. Jacobs, H. A. McCurdy, William B. Pizzini, H. R. Poirard, Jr., and William Todd.

The board of managers will meet Tuesday, February 4, and will at that time elect a secretary. H. M. Boykin, the present secretary, will in all probability be chosen to serve another term.

**No Love for Mortgage Tax.** Two hours of last night's meeting were devoted to a family discussion of the particular ills with which the real estate dealers' colony in Richmond is afflicted, and a number of the members went into the fray with gloves off.

On one topic, however, the exchange agreed not much to be said in the public prints. It was the Virginia mortgage tax law. President Funsten took a shot at it in his official report. Leroy E. Brown dissected it and held it up to the scorn of every well-informed man, and a half-dozen other members followed suit.

The exchange agreed without dissenting voice that the present mortgage tax law was an obvious impediment to the legitimate real estate business, that it drives home capital to seek investment in more favored States and places a premium on dishonest taxation returns. It announced its intention to make an application for a modification of the law at the next session of the Legislature.

**Want More Commissions.** "The question of commissions on court sales," said President Funsten, in his report, "is another matter that we must deal with in the near future. We are now going on the bonds of commissioners, receive no compensation therefor, and are selling court property at one-half the regular rate."

"Court sales are as important as any other sales, and are often more difficult to make. I see no reason why we should be forced to render, in court, the best service in us at a depreciated value, when it is important that infants and widows and others who are parties to court proceedings should have the greatest protection and best service possible."

Treasurer Jacobs reported the monetary affairs of the exchange to be in first-class condition, and Secretary Boykin reported an increased interest in the work performed by the exchange. The total membership is now forty-eight.

## SEEK ADDITIONAL RIVER SERVICE

Railroad Will Be Petitioned on Behalf of Fredericksburg Association.

Fredericksburg, Va., January 16.—The Business Men's Association of this city has appointed a committee composed of C. O'Connor, George H. F. Crismond, C. W. Jones and R. L. Biscoe to confer with the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, in Baltimore and ascertain if the company is not willing to adopt some plan by which a river boat can be placed on the Rappahannock River to ply between Fredericksburg and some point on the lower river. The company now sends three steamers a week to Fredericksburg from Baltimore and the committee will ask that this number be reduced if necessary and have the river boat put on for the accommodation of the people living along the river who may desire to make Fredericksburg their trading point. The Business Men's Association pledges itself to contribute \$100 towards continuing the Farm Demonstration work for Spotsylvania County in which Fredericksburg is located.

An election will be held in Berkeley district in Spotsylvania County and Livingston District in the same county, on February 4, to determine the question of issuing bonds for the improvement of the public highways in those two districts. Much interest is felt in the outcome of this election.

The Court of Appeals of Virginia has refused a writ of error in the case of the Commonwealth vs. O. M. Armstrong, which was applied for by the State, following an adverse decision by the Corporation Court of this city. This ends the case. Last October O. M. Armstrong, R. A. Bode and J. Thompson, of this city, were charged with illegal sale of a preparation called Scotch, manufactured by a Norfolk company, which was said to contain alcohol in excess of 1 per cent, though it was not intoxicating. The General Assembly of 1911 passed an act, under which the warrants against these parties were sworn out, prohibiting the sale of any mixture or preparation containing in excess of 1 per cent, whether intoxicating or not. In the Police Court here each and costs, and required to give bond for good behavior, and an appeal taken to the Corporation Court. The defendants contended that the act under which they were fined was unconstitutional and directly in conflict with Section 19, thereof. This contention was sustained by the Corporation Court, and the cases dismissed. Commonwealth vs. Thompson, an appeal from the decision of the Corporation Court, was taken to the Supreme Court, Monday the court refused a writ of error, thereby affirming Judge O'Connor's decision. C. O'Connor, of this city and



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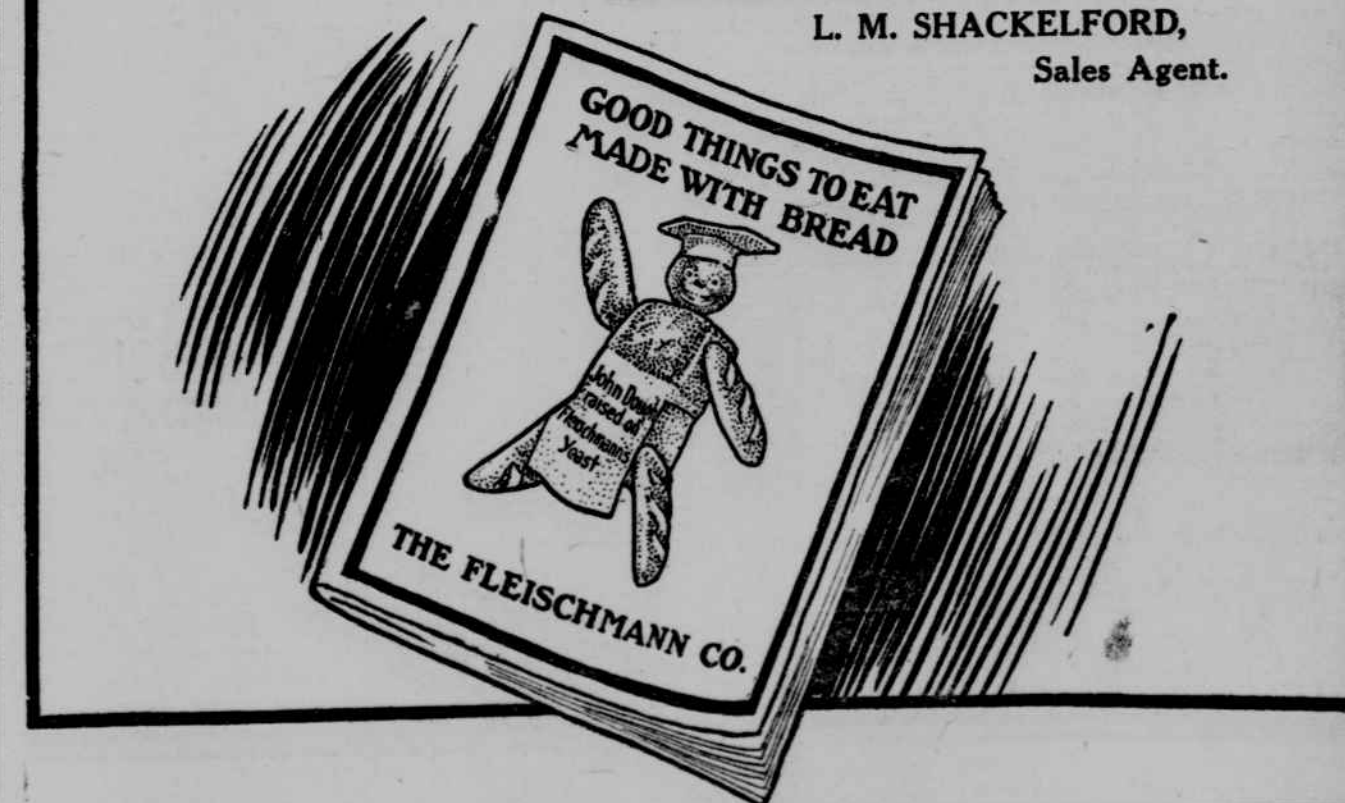
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The National Bank of Fredericksburg has elected the following officers for the year 1913: Judge A. W. Wallace, president; H. Lewis Wallace, vice-president; H. S. Hutzler, cashier; Hugh D. Scott, assistant cashier; George A. Scott, teller; Charles C. Carmichael, bookkeeper. Directors—Judge A. W. Wallace, S. G. Wallace, A. H. Wallace, H. Lewis Wallace, Hugh D. Scott, George W. Shepherd, Dr. J. P. Stiff and George P. Lyon.

The Commercial State Bank of this city has elected new officers composed of the following: S. W. Somerville, president; H. J. Marshall, vice-president; H. B. Wallace, vice-president; George W. Shepherd, cashier; W. Mayo Smith, assistant cashier. Directors—H. J. Marshall, S. W. Somerville, George W. Shepherd, Granville R. Swift, George W. Perry, T. S. Shepherd and G. B. Wallace.

**Dr. Blount Elected.** (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, N. C., January 16.—At the last meeting of the County Board of Commissioners, Dr. John G. Blount, of this city, was unanimously elected County Superintendent of Health, to succeed Dr. E. M. Brown, whose term has expired.

**Qualifies as Administrator.** A. S. Buford, Jr., qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as administrator of the estate of Ruth Kohnen. The estate is valued at \$90.

## "GENTLEMAN" BANDIT HELD IN \$5,000 BAIL

W. J. Monague, 22, Boasts He Robbed Only Those Who Could Afford It.

Boston, Mass., January 16.—William J. Monague, who deserted the routine of army life for the career of a "hold-up" man, was brought into court to-day and held in \$5,000 bail for the grand jury.

Monague came to town on Tuesday and registered at a first-class hotel as William J. Clayton. He spent two days looking over the town before deciding to attempt the robbery of an uptown ticket office. His selection was an unfortunate one, for when he entered the place last evening and demanded the contents of the safe there were half a dozen persons present, one of whom

slipped out a rear door and gave the alarm.

In describing his exploits to the police to-day Monague was particularly anxious that they should understand that he was a "gentleman" bandit. He robbed only those who could afford to lose.

"I never took from the poor," he said proudly. "My game was those who had more than they needed. For instance, in Pittsburgh, when I held up an office there, an employee told me that the \$1 I had taken from him was all he had. I promptly handed it back to him."

Monague said that in robbing an office in Cleveland he could find no rope with which to tie the clerk. "I told him to cut out the window cord," he continued, "and after he had handed it to me I bound him securely in Philadelphia, where I obtained \$25, I sent back \$12, so they would be able to make change in the morning."

Monague is only twenty-two years old.

## CITY IN SALOON BUSINESS.

Mayor and Police Chief Take Charge When Proprietor Is Jailed.

Stirling, Ill., January 16.—By order of Judge Ramsey, of the Whiteside County Circuit Court, this city is not in the saloon

business. Several days ago Herman Reiche was sentenced to twenty days for selling liquor to minors. Several more rounds were held over him pending good behavior. Judge Ramsey ordered the Mayor and chief of police to operate the saloon with Reiche's carcasses, holding the city responsible for its good conduct while the proprietor is in jail and to see that he receives his just dues.

## "SAINTS" BURDEN PARTY.

Prohibitionist Says "Goody-Goody Attitude" Costs Votes.

Indianapolis, January 16.—Declaring that the "goody-goody attitude" hurts the party's cause, George C. Pennell, of Pennsylvania, told the Prohibition National Conference here that "we should be just like other people, and that 'one man's vote is as good as another's.'"

"We have conducted our campaign," Mr. Pennell said, "so that a man had to be a saint before he could vote the Prohibition ticket. I am sick and tired of having Prohibitionists tell each other how good they are."

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